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SUBJECT: CARIBBEAN MULTINATIONAL FLEET

1. A DISCUSSION WITH THE VICE MINISTER OF ECONOMY,
COMMERC AND INDUSTRY, MARIO CARVAJAL, HAS YIELDED
SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CARIBBEAN
MULTINATIONAL FLEET (NAMUCAR) WHICH MAY BE OF

INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT AND ADDRESSEE POSTS.

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2. CARVAJAL SAID THAT THE CARIBBEAN MULTINATIONAL FLEET IS NOW A POLITICAL FACT BUT IS NOT YET AN ECONOMIC FACT. HE SAID THAT FINANCING POSSIBILITIES WILL HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED UP IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT IS REALLY PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY \$3 MILLION FOR EACH COUNTRY'S SUBSCRIPTION THROUGH THE VENEZUELA TRUST FUND IN THE IDB. CARVAJAL SAID THAT THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION HAD MADE SUCH AN OFFER, BUT HE BELIEVED THAT THE MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED UP WITH THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT AS THE DELEGATION DID NOT CONTAIN ANY MINISTERIAL-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES.

3. THE PRESENT PLAN FOR THE FLEET, CARVAJAL SAID, ENVISAGES LEASING 6,000 TON CARGO VESSELS TO PLY MAINLY CIRCULAR ROUTES AMONG MEMBER NATIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN. AN ILLUSTRATIVE ROUTE WOULD BE MEXICO TO CUBA TO JAMAICA TO VENEZUELA THEN COLOMBIA TO PANAMA TO COSTA RICA AND BACK TO MEXICO. THERE MAY ALSO BE A LINEAR ROUTE FROM CUBA DOWN THE ISLAND CHAIN TO GEORGETOWN AND BACK. IT IS NOT CONTEMPLATED, AT LEAST IN THE INITIAL PHASE OF OPERATION, THAT NAMUCAR SHIPS WOULD CALL AT U.S. PORTS OR ANY OTHER PORTS OF NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES. AS YET IT HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED WHAT FLAG SHIPS WOULD OPERATE UNDER. IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE THE COSTA RICAN FLAG, AS COSTA RICAN LEGISLATION CONCERNING SHIP REGISTRY IS NOT WELL ESTABLISHED.

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